Trusted Lists & Mutual Recognition of non-EU Trust Services

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Agenda

Subject 7 – Trusted lists
Trusted List – what it is

EU Member States Trusted Lists are constitutive instruments on:

✔️ Who is QTSP for what type of QTS
✔️ Legal certainty with regards to QTS

Mandatory listing of QTSP/QTS

Optional listing of non-Q TSP and non-Q TS on a national basis based on national approval scheme

The Trusted List (TL) format is specified in CID (EU) 2015/1505 building upon ETSI TS 119 612 (v2.1.1):

✔️ Hierarchical structure: TL – TSP – TS – TS history
✔️ Signed XML file
✔️ Machine-processable information

Standard guidance for the interpretation of the EU MS Trusted Lists is specified in ETSI TS 119 615
Trusted List – what it is

Information on the TL scheme and TL operator:
- TLSO (issuer – operator of the TL)
  - Name
  - Postal and electronic address

- Information on scheme:
  - Territory
  - URI pointing to information on supervision scheme
  - Type of the list, scheme name, legal notice
  - Date of issuance and expiry
  - Info on status values, Usage rules: how to use/interpret the TL

Pointer to other TLs (e.g. EC LOTL)

List of (Q)TSPs and the (Q)TSs they provide
- (Q)TSP (Name, postal and electronic address)
- URI pointing to information on QTSP practices (e.g. CP/CPS, GTC, legal info, etc.)
- (Q)TS service entries (per service entry)
  - “Digital Identity” (trust anchor)
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Trusted Lists are used to verify the **qualified status** of trust tokens at a given date and time.
Trusted List – what it is

ETSI TS 119 612 allows for Regional – Multi-country schemes

- List of the Lists (LOTL)
- Facilitating discovery, authentication and grouping of trusted lists pertaining to a common ecosystem / approval scheme

e.g. European LOTL whose authenticity and integrity can be verified via a publication in the Official Journal of the EU and the concept of pivot-LOTL

Centralised List of pointers to MS/EEA TLs (LOTL- signed/sealed XML)

National Trusted Lists (TLs - signed/sealed XML)
Trusted List – what for non EU countries

ETSI TS 119 612 may be used by nonEU countries and (international) organisations to determine:

- whether a trust service is or was operating in compliance with relevant requirements,
- currently or at a given time in the past (e.g. provision time, transaction time)

Facilitates the declaration of mutual recognition between trust services and their outputs, e.g.:

- within or between groups of nations/organisations outside the EU
- Between EU and other nations/organisations outside the EU (actually use of trusted lists is a pre-requisite in this case)

Tips/requirements

- Make use of nonEU country or organisation specific URIs for Service type identifiers, Service statuses, qualification extensions and qualifiers – Do not use eIDAS Regulation specific URIs
- Define benchmark or require use of EN 319 412-5 statements applicable to nonEU context in nonEU “qualified” certificates
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✦ Subject 8 – Mutual recognition of electronic trust services
Mutual recognition of electronic trust services

✔ Various types
  ✔ eSignatures, eSeals, time stamps, electronic delivery services, website authentication, preservation / archiving, validation, ...
  ✔ Key building block / commodity supporting electronic transactions and digital economy

✔ Benefits of harmonization of
  ✔ Laws
  ✔ Supervision
  ✔ Technical (best) practices
  ✔ Trust representation
  ✔ ... for cross-border electronic transactions and digital economies
Mutual recognition of electronic trust services

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✔ Four-pillar methodology
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Mutual recognition as per eIDAS Art.14:

✔ Trade agreement
✔ QTS equivalence only
✔ Foreign TSP/TS must meet eIDAS QTSP/QTS requirements
✔ Reciprocity

Sources: ENISA, TPA presentation @ ETSI Dubai workshop [May 2019]
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Legal context

❖ Regulatory vs contractual

❖ General principles
  ❖ Non-discrimination against the use of electronic means
  ❖ Technology neutrality
    (does not prevent being prescriptive with regards to a particular technology)
  ❖ Functional equivalence, etc.

❖ Trust services, e.g.
  ❖ Provision of certificates for signatures, seals or website/device
  ❖ Creation / Preservation / Validation of electronic signatures / seals
  ❖ Electronic time stamps; Electronic delivery services
  ❖ Electronic archiving

❖ TSP/TS Levels of reliability
  ❖ e.g. qualified vs non-qualified / licensed vs registered ...

Facilitators / Benchmarks

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW
Working Group IV: Electronic Commerce
Use and Cross border Recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services
→ Towards a Model Law in 2021!

eIDAS Regulation (EU) 910/2014
Benchmark/leading example
→ EU harmonisation
→ Secondary legislation pointing to electronic trust services reference standards not adopted (yet)
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Legal context

- Obligations of TSPs
  - Liability & burden of proof,
  - Accessibility for persons with disabilities,
  - supervision/audits,
  - Correct operations,
  - Security risks management,
  - Security/Personal data breach notifications,
  - Personal Data protection,
  - Staff,
  - Operations changes and termination,
  - Insurances/Financial resources,
  - Data recording, ...

- User obligations
  - Recognition by public online services / private platforms
  - International aspects (mutual recognition)

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Supervision & auditing

- Authorities approving (accrediting) auditing bodies
- Schemes to approve (accredit) auditing bodies
- Requirements on auditing bodies
  - Type of bodies
  - Conduct of assessment
  - Skills / competences
- Auditing (certification) scheme
- Assessment against what “normative document”
  - Regulation (legal requirements)
  - Technical standard
  - Mix
- Conformity assessment report
- Supervision decision
- Links into trust representation

Facilitators / Benchmarks

- NABs
- Accredited CABS
- Qtsp/QTs

Equivalence?

Note: EC compiled list of eIDAS accredited CABS (#30 on Sep. 2020)

E.g. Level 5 is the eIDAS Regulation itself
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Supervision & auditing

Level 1: ISO/IEC 17011 “Conformity assessment — Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies”
It specifies requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality of accreditation bodies assessing and accrediting conformity assessment bodies.

Level 2: Product Certification (including processes and services)
CABS needs to be certification bodies.

Level 3: ISO/IEC 17065 “Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services”
It specifies requirements relating to the competence, consistency of activities and impartiality of certification bodies for products, processes and services.

Level 4: ETSI EN 319 403-1 “Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 1: Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers”
It supplements ISO/IEC 17065 on requirements for certification bodies assessing trust service providers and the trust services they provide.

Level 5: eIDAS Regulation (EU) 910/2014
Normative document against which the trust service providers and the trust services they provide are certified compliant (i.e. eIDAS compliance).
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Promotion of the ISO/IEC 17065 / ETSI EN 319 403(-1) at the regional and global levels

- Common existing framework for the recognition of certified evaluation of TSP/TS conformity against normative documents
  - Peer-review at the level of national accreditation bodies
  - “Certified once, accepted everywhere”

- Normative documents may be
  - Regulatory documents (e.g. eIDAS Regulation)
  - Standards
  - Other types of (national, regional, industry) technical specifications

- Available from (most) existing National Accreditation Bodies

- Immediately available from most of the eIDAS accredited CABs
  (cf. EC compiled list of eIDAS accredited CABs)

- Last milestones in context of mutual recognition
  - Equivalence of Normative documents’ requirements for specific type of TSP/TS (Legal context & Best practices pillars)
  - Equivalence / Harmonisation of conformity assessment schemes (Best practices pillar)
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- **Best practice**
  - Common technical basis makes easier mutual recognition
    - Best practices
    - Interoperability
    - Structuring of requirements
      - RFC 3647 for TSP issuing certificates
      - For other types of trust services?
    - Mapping of technical requirements versus legal requirements, when “normative documents” are not standards but laws
  - ETSI standards for trust services
    - Truly “global” standards

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**Facilitators / Benchmarks**

- ETSI
- CEN
- CENELEC
- ISO
- CAB
- IETF
- W3C
- OASIS
- NIST

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Trust representation

- **Different models for representing trust**
  - Trusted lists
  - Trust anchor stores
  - Bridging/cross-certification

- **Easy to technically map between different trust representations but only meaningful when mapping other pillars**

  🔄 Trusted list is a key instrument when seeking MR with EU

  (cf. [CEF Pilot for the International Compatibility of Trust Services](https://www.etsi.org/deliver/etsi_iso/16190_16199/16190/16190201/01.01.00_60/etsi_iso_16190201v010100b10.zip))

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Equivalence?

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CEF Pilot for the International Compatibility of Trust Services

- A **generic model** to ensure 3rd Country TL compatibility with EU TLs under eIDAS *(applicable to any 3rd Country)*

- Builds upon the four-pillar equivalence assessment model of ETSI TR 103 684, focusing on technical aspects:
  - **Cookbook** with requirements for 3rd countries’ alignment with EU TLs
  - **eIDAS Article 14 (self) Assessment Check-List** presenting a structured approach covering the four pillars (legal context, supervision and auditing, best practice, trust representation) for 3rd countries to perform a self-assessment on eIDAS compliance
  - **MRA element specification** (and XML Schema Definition), i.e. a “Pointer to other TSLs” including a MRAinfo element for:
    - Mapping expression of what 3rd country TS is recognised equivalent to what EU QTS and what means are respectively used to grant/withdraw approval/qualified status
    - Historical information about such recognition of equivalence
  - **MRA element usage description** incl. the necessary adaptation of standards (ETSI TS 119 615) for the validation of 3rd country electronic signatures/seals based on the content of the EU LOTL pointing to the 3rd country TL

- **Toolbox for technical pilots**
  - LOTL with pointer to 3rd Country TL mapping the 3rd Country TSP/TS trust anchors candidate for mutual recognition
  - Technical specifications and PKI-based samples
  - TL Manager & TL Browser for non-EU countries
  - Validation tool

- **Starting point** towards mutual recognition with EU on QTSP/QTS
  - Needs to be coupled with a legal assessment
Conclusion of a mutual recognition agreement (MRA) under Art.14 of eIDAS can be a long journey

- Requires a Trade agreement with the Union in accordance with Article 218 TFEU
- Eligibility of 3rd country / international organization (IO) is not automatic
- Scope of recognition (currently) limited to eIDAS closed list of 9 types of QTS
- 3rd country TSP/TS must meet the eIDAS Regulation requirements applicable to EU QTSP/QTS
- Requires equivalence of 3rd country/IO candidate TSP/TS approval/supervision (including audit) system with EU QTSP/QTS supervision (including audit) system
- A typical eIDAS Art.14 MRA life-cycle process flow

(source: CEF Pilot for the International Compatibility of Trust Services)
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Requirements (source: CEF Pilot for the International Compatibility of Trust Services)

- 3rd country TSP/TS must meet the eIDAS Regulation requirements applicable to EU QTSP/QTS
- To be recognised as QSigCD (resp. QSealCD), a device (EU or non-EU) must meet the requirements of eIDAS Annex II and be certified in accordance with Art.30 and CID (EU) 2016/650 by a certification body designated by an EU Member State.
  - nonEU devices may be certified (+/- 10% today), nonEU bodies might be designated by EU Member States.
- 3rd country to establish and maintain a trusted list in accordance with ETSI TS 119 612 and the requirements and recommendations provided in the MRA Cookbook for listing at the least TSP/TS recognised as legally equivalent to EU QTSP/QTS.
- Requirements on use of ETSI defined “QcCompliance”, “QcType” and “QcCClegislation” statements and (optional) ‘Service information extension’ (‘Sie’) ‘Qualification’ extension (‘Sie:Q’) and of the corresponding qualifiers.
- The ETSI defined “QcSSCD” statement (id-etsi-qcs 4) shall not be used by QTSPs established in a 3rd country to declare that the private key related to the certified public key resides in a device that is not an EU-QSCD.
- Requirement on field values for the 3rd country TL with regards to the trust service entries for which an equivalence to EU QTS is expected.
  - cf Table 3 of section 3.2.1 of the Cookbook.
- Use in 3rd Country TL of the MRA information element in an MRA pointer to the LOTL.

+ a set of key technical assumptions and recommendations (mostly building upon ETSI standards).
Implementation of the CEF demonstrating technical pilot
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Conclusion

✔ Facilitators / Benchmarks for paving the way towards an Regional/International framework for electronic trust services:

✔ Legal & Regulatory, e.g.
  ✔ UNCITRAL Model Law on provisions on the Cross Border recognition of Identity Management and Trust Services
  ✔ EU eIDAS Regulation ... benefiting from lessons learned (e.g. importance of secondary legislation for more balance between functional and technical specifications)

✔ Supervision & auditing
  ✔ Promotion of ISO/IEC 17065 & EN 319 403(-1) at regional and IAF levels

✔ Best practices
  ✔ Common technical basis (standards) makes easier mutual recognition (e.g. latest versions of CENELEC & ETSI standards)

✔ Trust representation
  ✔ Trusted lists

✔ Starting point for MRA with EU  ➔ CEF Pilot for the International Compatibility of Trust Services